CLEANER SHRIMP

Lysmata amboinensis

FLUVAL

A stunningly marked species, the Cleaner Shrimp is an impressively useful aquarium member, as it removes parasites and dead tissue from its tankmates.

SKILL LEVEL

Moderate

Undemanding but not recommended for beginners due to strict salinity level requirements. Should not be exposed to any chemical fish medications.

DIET

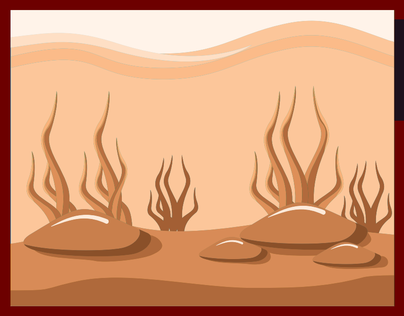
Omnivore

Readily accepts a variety of foods, including pellets and frozen foods like krill, shrimp, mussels, etc. Shows a definite preference for meaty foods.

DISTRIBUTION

Indo-Pacific

Widely distributed from South Africa all the way to Australia and New Zealand, and as far north as Japan and from there to Hawaii.



MIN. AQUARIUM SIZE

10 US Gal / 40 L

Both small and large reef tanks are ideal setups. Prefers caves, nooks and crannies to feel secure within and to advertise its cleaning services from.

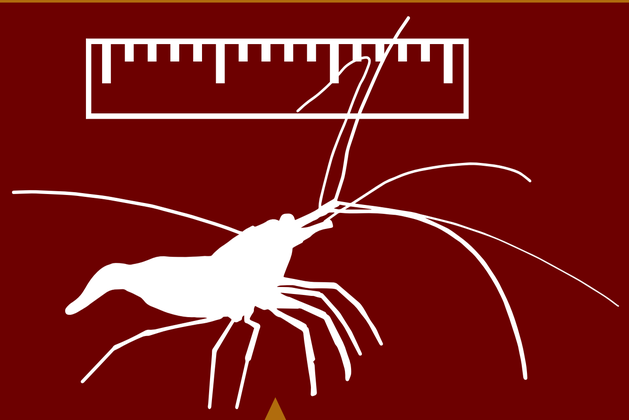
BEHAVIOR

Peaceful

Best kept singularly or in pairs. Generally hangs upside down within caves during daylight hours. Will actively clean parasites and dead tissue from tankmates as they present themselves.

COMPATIBILITY

Compatible with a wide variety of species: damselfish, anemonefish, surgeonfish, butterflyfish, gobies, blennies and more. Avoid serious predators such as pufferfish, scorpionfish, wrasses and lionfish.



MAX LENGTH

2" / 5 cm

WATER

Temp: 74-80°F / 23-27°C
pH: 8.1-8.4
Salinity: 1.023-1.025